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ANGOLA SITREP NO. 1-18 JULY 1975

REFERENCE OUR APPEAL OF 1 JULY.

1. ANGOLA SITUATION: FOLLOWING VIOLENT FIGHTING FROM 9 TO 14 JULY, EXPERTS BELIEVE PRESENT LULL ONLY TEMPORARY. TENSION INCREASING. WORKING CONDITIONS IN LUANDA HOSPITALS DIFFICULT DUE TO (A) GREAT NUMBER OF WOUNDED (B) SHORTAGE OF SURGEONS AND PHYSICIANS (C) STRIKES BY PARAMEDICAL PERSONNEL (D) INTERRUPTIONS IN WATER AND ELECTRICITY SUPPLIES. IN ADDITION, RECENT FIGHTING HAS PRODUCED CRITICAL SITUATION FOR NEARLY 5,000 HOMELESS AND DESTITUTE PERSONS CAMPING AT LUANDA.

2. ICRC DELEGATION IN ANGOLA NOW CONSISTS OF 5 DELEGATES INCLUDING ONE RADIO OPERATOR AND A 5 MEMBER MEDICO-SURGICAL TEAM.

3. WORK ACCOMPLISHED:

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(A) MEDICAO-SURGICAL TEAM WAS READY TO START WORK AT CARMONA AS OF 12 JULY, BUT 24 HOURS LATER ONLY THE GENERAL PRACTITIONER REMAINED AT CARMONA AS FOUR OTHER MEMBERS HAD LEFT FOR LUANDA IN VIEW OF EXTREMELY BAD SITUATION THERE. SURGEON, ANESTHETIST AND TWO NURSES WORKING AT MARIA PIA HOSPITAL, INUNDATED BY WOUNDED. TEAMS RETURN CARMONA 18/7.

(B) RELIEF DISTRIBUTIONS: TWO TONS OF MILK DISTRIBUTED SINCE 15 JULY TO HOMELESS PERSONS AT LUANDA. FIVE TONS OF MILK SENT TO CARMONA ON 13 JULY AND IMMEDIATELY DISTRIBUTED BY GOVERNORATE, HOSPITAL. BISHOPRIC, FNLA AND UNITA.

(C) TOTAL OF RELIEF DELIVERED AND ENROUTE: FOOD, 39 TONS: MEDICAMENTS, TWO TONS: BLANKETS, 1,000 VEHICLES, FIVE.

TOTAL VALUE, FR. S. 390,000.

PORTUGUESE RED CROSS CO-OPERATING EFFICIENTLY IN DESPATCH OF SUPPLIES BY AIR FROM LISBON TO LUANDA.

4. SHORT-TERM DEVELOPMENT- FOLLOWING ENCOURAGING RESPONSE FROM SEVERAL NATIONAL SOCIETIES TO OUR APPEAL OF 1 JULY WE ARE PREPARING DESPATCH SECOND AND THIRD MEDICO-SURGICAL TEAMS FOR BEGINNING AUGUST.

5. BUDGET TOTALLING NEARLY 2 MILLION SWISS FRANCS, CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED OR PROMISED AS OF 18.7 INCLUDE IN CASH: 957.300 SWFR. IN KIND: APPROXIMATE VALUE 136,800 SW. FR. FROM NATIONAL SOCIETIES OF BELGIUM, CANADA, DENMARK, FEDERAL REP. GERMANY, NORWAY, POLAND, SWITZERLAND AND UNITED KINGDOM, AND GOVERNMENTS OF DENMARK, FED. REP. GERMANY, NORWAY AND UNITED STATES.

6. REQUIREMENTS-FIRST PRIORITY IS CASH CONTRIBUTIONS TO FINANCE MEDICAL TEAMS AND OPERATIONAL COSTS: NEXT, POWDERED MILK, BABY FOOD, BLANKETS, MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR TEAMS (EXACT NATURE OF SUCH SUPPLIES DEPENDS ON LOCAL SITUATION AS FOUND BY FIRST TEAM AND WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE). PLEASE NOTE, REQUIREMENTS IN AMBULANCES, STRETCHERS AND FIRST AID KITS HAVE ALREADY BEEN COVERED.

7. AMBULANCE SERVICE OF ANGOLAN REGIONAL RED CROSS KEPT ON CARRYING WOUNDED IN LUANDA. LEAGUE DELEGATE STAYING AT ARRC AD ADVISER. UNQUOTE SCHMIDT UNQUOTE DALE
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